

Networking and Partnerships

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Why Network?

- **Raise** the professional profile and development of LG Volunteer Managers
- **Share** knowledge/experience and provide peer support
- **Advance** best practice in volunteer management and respond to new trends
- **Promote** standardisation of core volunteer management practices in LG



Our knowledge of Volunteer Management
before joining the network?

Probably about **half** of what it is now

100% of LGVMN members find the network
provides an essential resource for their role

(Survey of all members conducted August 2013)

A Networking 'Strategy'

1. Have an **open/sharing** philosophy within the group
2. Actively **develop relationships** with external org's
3. Identify opportunities to **lobby/persuade/'educate'**
4. Seek invitations to **participate with stakeholders**
5. Be open to **working with 'non traditional' partners**
6. **Spread the 'workload'** amongst the network



Recent Successes

- ✓ Online database development
- ✓ Strategic Framework development and delivery
- ✓ Volunteer Managers Operations Manual
- ✓ Workplace relations representation
- ✓ Volunteer Managers 'toolkit'
- ✓ Steering Group partner for the Volunteer Strategy for South Australia
- ✓ Volunteer Coordinator and Program Manager training with LGA



Take Home Message

Effective Network and **PARTNER** relationships
can help organisations & individuals
to take a **LEAD** role,
BUILD effective improvements and
SUSTAIN continuous development

